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SUBJECT: PALME VISIT TO ICELAND

REF: REYKJAVIK 0242

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. PALME VISIT STRICTLY A LOW- KEY  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AFFAIR WHICH GENERATED NO SIGNIFICANT PU-  
BLIC STATEMENTS AND A MINIMUM OF OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST.  
END SUMMARY.

2. SWEDISH PRIMIN OLOF PALME AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED ICELAND  
AFTERNOON MARCH 9 AND WERE MET AT AIRPORT BY CHRMN OF ICELANDIC  
SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY GYLFI GISLASON. ASKED BY NEWSMEN WHETHER  
WESTMANN ISLANDS VOLCANIC ERUPTION WAS REASON FOR VISIT, PALME  
REPLIED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INVITATION FROM ICELANDIC SDP  
A LONG TIME BEFORE AND HOPED THAT VISIT WOULD STRENGTHEN TIES  
OF UNION BINDING NORDIC COUNTRIES. COMMENTING ON ERUPTION HE SAID  
THAT " CATASTROPHE HAS CAUSED INTEREST AND SYMPATHY IN SWEDEN  
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AND WE ARE PREPARED TO AID YOU AS MUCH AS WE CAN."

3. AT KEFLAVIK A REPORTER ASKED WHAT PALME THOUGHT OF HAVING TO GO THROUGH AN AMERICAN MILITARY BASE IN ORDER TO GET TO ICELAND. PALME REPORTEDLY SIDESTEPPED THE QUESTION BY LOOKING AROUND, SMILING AND SAYING, " BUT I AM IN ICELAND."

4. PALME WAS ALSO ASKED IF SWEDEN WOULD TAKE A STAND SIMILAR TO DENMARK WHICH LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE GREEK GSUME WE WILL AT THIS SESSION CONTINUE TO HAVE A DEAL WITH THOSE EXTREME POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE SOVIET SIDE. AS YOU KNOW, THESE MAXIMALIST POSITIONS INCLUDE -- WITHDRAWING OUR SSBNs FROM ROTA AND HOLY LOCH AND DISMANTLING THESE BASES. -- MAKING PERMANENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT DEALING WITH ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS. -- BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON HEAVY BOMBERS AND BANNING LONG-RANGE AIR- TO- SURFACE MISSILES. -- EXERCISING RESTRAINT ON " NEW" STRATEGIC SYSTEMS BUT MENTIONING ONLY TRIDENT AND B-1 AS EXAMPLES.

AS FAR AS THE US IS CONCERNED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO ( A) ESTABLISH AN EQUAL AGGREGATE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ICBM AND SLBM LAUNCHERS AND HEAVY BOMBERS FOR EACH SIDE, ( B) ESTABLISH AN EQUAL SUB- CEILING ON THE NUMBER OF ICBM LAUNCHERS, AND AN EQUAL CEILING ON THE AGGREGATE THROW WEIGHT OF ICBM FORCES FOR EACH SIDE, AND ( C) ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR ARRIVING AT SUCH LIMITS AND CEILINGS THROUGH REDUCTIONS.

( V) MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT TO YOU TODAY. AS HAS BEEN OUR PRACTICE IN THE PAST, I SHALL CIRCULATE MY TEXT, AND I ASK THAT IT BE TREATED WITH THE UTMOST DISCRETION. I WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND WILL BE GLAD TO TRY TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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